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Sen. Allen high bidder on steer at Chippewa County Fair

LANSING – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, recently had an opportunity to visit with the young man who raised the steer he won at the Chippewa County Fair Junior Market Livestock Sale last month.

Allen was the successful high bidder on the steer raised by Paul Ferraro of Ferraro Beef Farm in Brimley. Ferraro is the son of James and Lovinia Ferraro.

Recently, Allen had an opportunity to visit with Ferraro and the winning steer at the Love Farm in Rudyard.

“Paul raised a truly magnificent steer,” Allen said. “Raising an animal for market takes a great deal of hard work and is a great experience for our young people – it generates a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride. It also teaches the individual important livestock management skills.”

The livestock auction raised more than \$168,000 to aid local youth with the costs of raising their animals, while teaching them about the business of farming and livestock.

“I am grateful for the Love Farm looking after the steer until I was able to come see it,” Allen said. “I would have granted the steer a senatorial pardon, but unfortunately the ability to grant pardons only falls to governors and presidents.”

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Editor’s Note: A photo of Sen. Allen with Paul Ferraro is available for download from the Senate Majority Photowire at: www.senate.mi.gov/gop/photowire/Allen/Allen.htm